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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DYKES, Mr FLETCHER,  
Mrs KELLETT-BOWMAN, Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS  
and Mr SPICER

with request for an immediate vote  
pursuant to Rule 47 (4) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on Oral Question  
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on the extension of fishing zones of Community  
Member States and preservation of fish stocks  
within the Community's proposed 200-mile  
exclusive economic zone

PE 46.750

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the decision of the Council of Ministers to extend EEC fishing limits to 200 miles on 1 January 1977
  - having regard to the urgent need for scientific management and conservation of all fish resources
  - having regard to the special needs and particular dependence upon the fishing industry of certain areas of the Community
1. Congratulates the Council on the decision to declare a Community 200-mile fishing zone on 1 January 1977;
  2. Calls upon the Council to agree as soon as possible on the way in which the Community 200-mile fishing zone will be shared between Member States, and to create a new common fishing policy;
  3. Urges the control of fishing effort primarily by means of licensing of fishing boats and their equipment, and recognises that quotas are a tool of planning and not of control;
  4. Calls upon the Council to agree to coastal fishing conservation zones of up to 50 miles being controlled by the coastal state to assist in the correct management of fish stocks;
  5. Calls upon the Council to agree to the establishment of reserved fish-protection areas within Community waters, in which fishing would be limited or banned as deemed necessary, to aid scientific management of stocks;
  6. Urges that the policing of these coastal fishing conservation zones of up to 50 miles should be the responsibility of each coastal state and that the burden of policing the new 200-mile zone should be shared between Member States on an equitable basis;
  7. Calls for a two-year ban on the fishing of herring by any country within the Community 200-mile zone as stocks have nearly reached the level at which natural increase is endangered;
  8. Urges the completion of successful and mutually acceptable negotiations with third countries on reciprocal fishing rights as soon as possible, in particular the reaching of agreement with Iceland before 30 November; regrets that the negotiations have so far been unsuccessful and urges the Commission to resume them immediately and insist that present agreements be maintained after 1 December 1976 until the conclusion of these negotiations; insists on the total exclusion of those third countries whose fishing methods are damaging to fish stocks;
  9. Calls for special provision to be made for those areas of the Community particularly dependent upon the fishing industry;
  10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.